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SUBJECT: CCD: CONVENTIONAL ARMS LIMITATIONS AND CTB

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1. THERE IS NO QUESTION IN OUR MIND BUT THAT THE VIEWS
EXPRESSED BY JAIN IN GENEVA REPRESENT THOSE OF HIS GOVERNMENT,
THAT IS, THE GOVT WHICH WAS JUST DEFEATED IN THE ELECTIONS.
JAIN, OF COURSE, IS A MIDDLE RANKING OFFICIAL IN THE MINISTRY
OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS WHO IS BELOW THE POLICY FORMATION LEVEL.

2. WE ARE UNABLE TO FORECAST WHAT MAY BE THE VIEWS OF THE NEW
GOVT ON CONVENTIONAL ARMS LIMITATIONS AND CTB. ANY INDIAN GOVT,
HOWEVER, IS LIKELY TO RESIST EXTERNAL EFFORTS TO LIMIT ITS
CONVENTIONAL ARMS
STRENGTH. IN REGARD TO NUCLEAR POLICY, PRIME
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MINISTER MORARJI DESAI INDICATED SOME FLEXIBILITY IN HIS PRESS
CONFERENCE REMARKS MARCH 25 ON NUCLEAR TESTING (REFTEL B).

3. IN VIEW OF UNCERTAINTIES REGARDING THE POLICIES OF THE NEW
GOVT AND THE BASICALLY FRIENDLY STANCE WHICH IT HAS TAKEN TOWARD
THE UNITED STATES, WE BELIEVE THE BEST COURSE IN GENEVA WOULD BE
TO AVOID A DIRECT ATTACK ON THE INDIAN POSITION AS SET FORTH BY

JAIN. IN OUR VIEW IT WOULD BE BETTER TO REPEAT IN GENERAL
TERMS THE U.S. POSITION WHILE AVOIDING ITEM BY ITEM RESPONSE TO
JAIN.

4. USG WILL, OF COURSE, WISH TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS ON CONVENTIONAL
ARMS LIMITATIONS AND CTB AT SENIOR LEVELS WITHIN THE GOI. WE
BELIEVE THESE WOULD BE BEST DEFERRED UNTIL THE NEW GOVT SETTLES
DOWN AND THEN CONDUCTED AT A POLICY LEVEL
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